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SUBJECT: ALLEGED HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATION

1. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT NICARAGUAN CITIZEN
RAUL GONZALEZ ALMENDAREZ WAS REPORTED KILLED IN A
CLASH WITH THE NATIONAL GUARD ON AUGUST 26, 1977. GONZALEZ,
A NATIVE OF ESTELI, WAS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN KILLED IN
THE AUGUST 27 ISSUE OF LA PRENSA.

2. ALTHOUGH THE LA PRENSA ARTICLE REPORTS THAT GONZALEZ
WAS KILLED IN AN EXCHANGE OF FIRE WITH THE GUARD, DEPART-
MENT HAS RECEIVED, THROUGH WASHINGTON OFFICE ON LATIN
AMERICA, A COPY OF AN AUTOPSY REPORT SIGNED ON THE DATE
OF GONZALEZ'S DEATH IN WHICH THE EXAMINING PHYSICIANS
FOUND EVIDENCE OF INJURIES RESULTING FROM CRUSHING BLOWS
ADMINISTERED BY BLUNT INSTRUMENTS TO THE HEAD, NECK, CHEST,
SPINE AND TESTICLES OF THE DECEASED. ACCORDING TO AUTOPSY
REPORT, NO BULLET WOUNDS WERE FOUND AND A PARAFFIN TEST
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REVEALED NO EVIDENCE OF POWDER ON THE BODY OR CLOTHES.

3. IN VIEW OF ALLEGATION THAT GONZALEZ'S HUMAN RIGHTS WERE
VIOLATED AND THAT LEGAL RECOURSE IS IMPOSSIBLE UNDER THE
PRESENT SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY, IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED
IF THE EMBASSY COULD INVESTIGATE THE SITUATION AND INFORM

THE DEPARTMENT OF ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION. VANCE

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